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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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TAGS: OTRA (BLODGETT, JOHN S.), GB

SUBJ: CONSULTATION TRAVEL

REF: STATE 302554

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR BLODGETT'S
STAY IN GABON:

JAN 29 - ETA LIBREVILLE ON UY 702, 1445 HOURS.

JAN 29 & 30 - CONSULTATION IN EMBASSY

JAN 30 - ETD LIBREVILLE 1730 HOURS ON AIR GABON FLT;

ETA SAO TOME 1800 HOURS.

JAN 31 & FEB 1 - COURTESY CALLS ON GSTP FONMIN D'ALVA AND OTHER
OFFICIALS

FEB 1 - ETD SAO TOME 1700 ON AIR GABON FLT; ETA LIBREVILLE 1800 HOUR
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FEB 2 - COURTESY CALLS IN GOG FONMIN. RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE
FOR LEADERS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND DIRECTORS OF
MAJOR COMPANIES SELLING US PRODUCTS.

FEB 3 - OPTIONAL TRIP (SEE BELOW) TO LAMBARENE AND PORT GENTIL

FEB 4 - FINAL CONSULTATIONS IN EMBASSY

FEB 5 - ETD LIBREVILLE FOR PARIS ON UT-312 AT 0045 HOURS.

2. OPTIONAL TRIP TO LAMBARENE IS TO MEET SCHWEITZER HOSPITAL
OFFICIALS AND TO PORT GENTIL TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF
MAJOR GABONESE INDUSTRIES (PETROLEUM AND FOREST PRODUCTS).

SINCE ROADS NOW IMPASSABLE, LIGHT PLANE IS ONLY FEASIBLE
MEANS OF TRAVEL IN INTERIOR. EMBASSY PROPOSES SINGLE ENGINE

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CHARTER WITH EMBOFF PILOT. IF BLODGETT CHOOSES TO MAKE THIS

TRIP, TA SHOULD INCLUDE AUTHORIZATION FOR AIRPLANE CHARTER
AND FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COST OF \$250.

3. BLODGETT INVITED TO STAY AT RESIDENCE WHILE IN LIBREVILLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE RE AIRCRAFT CHARTER SO
EMBASSY CAN MAKE NECESSARY RESERVATION OF PLANE. STEIGMAN

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